



Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

June 2011 Newsletter

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Congratulations Graduates

It is quite an accomplishment to finish school and receive your degree, whether it is high school or college. We would like to recognize this year's graduates and if you see them, offer them a hearty CCC congratulations!

High School

Jake
Courtney
Kaydee
Alex
Andy
Hannah
Claire
Kristin

College

Laura
Scott
Sarah
Tim
Alex

*We're so proud of all of you! Please keep in touch with the church office -
high school grads get cookies now!!*

If we have overlooked a graduate,
please forgive us and contact the church office.



**REVIVE! &
ALIVE!**

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**SAVE THE DATE AND SAVE
YOUR (GOOD) STUFF!**

**CCC Garage Sale is just
around the corner!**

Saturday, October 1

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 11:10 AM

There are two items on the agenda:

- + The approval of the minutes from the previous Congregational Meeting
- + Elect leaders to serve Community Christian Church for 2011-2012

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT:

30 members make a quorum at our Congregational Meetings

SAVE THESE DATES

***July 10-15
CCC Mission Trip***

***July 24
Stockholders' Dinner***

Bryan's Bits

I have been your pastor for one month now! Seems like such a short time, doesn't it . . . but in that short month we have seen devastating tornado's wreak havoc across the heartland. Many have lost their lives, their love ones lives, seen injury upon injury, and lost all their worldly possessions. What a tragedy. Tragedy does not seem to capture all that has happened, but what else can we say, words fail us in such loss.

Yet, in the midst of this devastation and chaos, we see God working. His people are on the move and they are doing all they can to help. Where is God when I hurt? Is the big question many ask. I have heard that question spoken from kids with cancer, adults who have buried their parents, victims of natural and man-made catastrophes. I have heard that question while parents hold a dying or dead baby in their arms - where is God when we hurt? Why does He allow it to happen, our suffering, why?

In a word - I don't know. All I can tell you is that in great loss I have seen people's best. I have seen calm in the midst of the storm. Strength in the midst of deep loss and hardship. Love in the midst of overwhelming hate and destruction. I wonder if that is God, where He is, what He is . . . what do you think? How is God being seen in your life?

I have talked to many who have suffered in my many years as a pastor. Some have suffered things that are so devastating I cannot talk about them without shedding many, many tears, the pain is just too overwhelming, but I have heard most, if not all of them that they could not stand the situation they were in if it wasn't for God holding them and for their brothers and sisters in Christ caring for them . . . hmm . . . why do these chaotic events visit us . . . maybe just maybe so that we can grow in relationship with each other and with the God who does not shield us from danger as much as love us through it.

Just a thought. It is my prayer that in the coming months that we as brothers and sisters in Christ hold each other, care for one another and learn to love each other. Blessings.

~ Bryan

Upcoming Sermons

June 5 concludes the "Faith Basics" Sermon Series - "Faith Basics Decided" Acts 15:22-35

Commitment Sermon Series:

June 12 "Commitment to Giving" Matthew 16:16-18, Luke 21:1-4, Mark 12:14-17

June 19 "Commitment to Worship - Commitment to Gathering Together" Hebrews 10:23-25

June 26 "Commitment to Discipleship - Following Christ" Luke 18:18-30

July 3 "Commitment to Ministry" 2 Timothy 2:1-2, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Community Christian Church

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Please contact the ministers any time you feel it's necessary.

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Upcoming Events

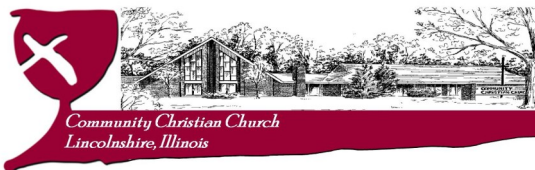
- 6/4 Men's Breakfast, 8am
- 6/5 Celebrate CCC Graduates
- 6/5 Congregational Meeting, 11:15
- 6/7 Sermon in the Round, 10am
- 6/8 Soup Kitchen, 4pm
- 6/11 Women's Coffee Break, 8am
- 6/11 Feed My Starving Children
- 6/12 Mission Trip Meeting, 11:30am
- 6/14 Sermon in the Round, 10am
- 6/19 Father's Day
- 6/21 Sermon in the Round, 10am
- 6/21 Youth Group Bonfire, 6p
- 6/28 Sermon in the Round, 10am

Ongoing Events

- Worship Services - Sundays, 8 & 10am
- Youth Group Meetings - Sundays, 11:30am
September through May
- Sermon in the Round - Tuesdays, 10am
September through June
- Soup Kitchen - 2nd Wednesday, 4pm
- Choir Practice - Wednesdays, 7pm
September through May
- Men's Breakfast - 1st Saturday, 8am
- Women's Coffee Break - 2nd Saturday, 8am

Keep up with CCC events on the website.
Bookmark this page:

<http://4355.webmedley2.com/ChurchLife/UpcomingEvents/GoogleCalendar/tabid/63105/Default.aspx>



Church Email Addresses

Bryan Elliott's email address will be:
Bryan@CCCLincolnshire.org

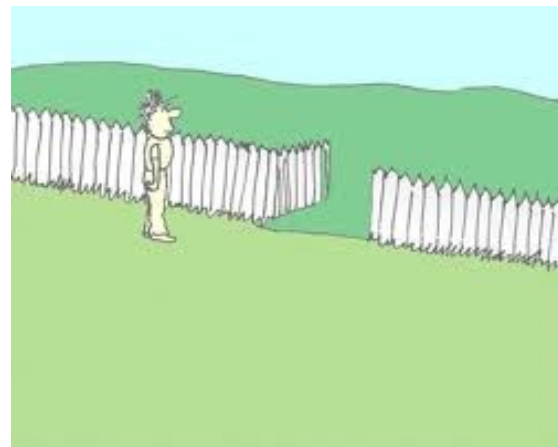
The church office email address will be changing to:
Office@CCCLincolnshire.org
This previous church email address will be forwarded for awhile, but please make the changes in your directories and address books.

Here's another addition
to your directories and address books:
Bryan & Teresa Elliott
511 East Harvey Lake Road
Vernon Hills, IL 60069
Home: 224 433-6919
Bryan Cell: 847 664-0577

Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate



Please come join the women of CCC Saturday, June 11th at 8am. We meet at Einstein Brothers Bagels on Milwaukee Road to relax, talk, laugh, and get to know each other a little better. All you have to do is show up. We are usually there until at least 9:30. Come when you can and leave when you need to. There is no agenda or schedule. We are a free-flowing group and we'd love to see you there!



*If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence,
you can bet the water bill is higher.*

Spring Workdays April 30 and May 7

On two successive Saturdays, April 30 and May 7, 25 CCCers - along with as many Boy Scouts and Scout parents from our Troop 78 - worked diligently and very effectively on the church property. First, wood chips and mulch were spread around many of the planting beds on the church grounds. In addition, we washed a lot of windows in Friendship Hall and the Sanctuary. Then, we all worked on expanding and renovating the playground area at the south end of the parking lot. The latter was part of the Eagle Scout project of David Thoensen, Jr. Take a few minutes and check out our new playground! Many thanks to the following CCCers and all the unnamed Scouts and Scout parents.

Jim
Michael
Patrick
Bryan
Pip
Ginny and Perry
Steve
Nelson
Chris
Linda and Jack
Kevin
Chuck
Bev
Charlie and Kevin
Linda, David and David, Jr.
John and Noah
Jim and Phyllis
Kristin



Thank You, CCC!

Ann and I are deeply grateful for the generous gifts presented to us at the close of worship on May 15th. It has been truly an honor to serve as interim minister the last year and a half, and especially, to work with so many persons who are devoted to the ongoing needs and responsibilities of our church.

After two years of searching for a new senior minister, Bryan and Teresa are now in place with their exceptional spirit and abilities to guide the life and ministry of CCC.

Blessed indeed...all of us!

- Nelson Irving



Sanctuary Floodlights

Over the course of the past several years the floodlights that shine on the cross in the sanctuary as well as the wall hanging and the pulpit have gradually gone bad. In fact we were down to only one working bulb. Due to the height of the lights, we were anticipating spending several hundred dollars to rent a lift to be able to reach the fixtures.

Steve decided he would be willing to climb an extension ladder and replace the bulbs if we could get one to reach. Steve masterminded putting our longest ladder on the top of a table and with that he could reach the lights. He successfully replaced all of the burnt out bulbs so we now have light at the front of the sanctuary. The next time you see Steve, give him a pat on the back for the project.

CCC Youth Page

CCC Youth Mission:

**"To gather as friends in a fun, safe environment
to share stories and learn how to center our lives on Christ."**

ALIVE!

5TH ~ 8TH GRADERS

REVIVE!

9TH through 12TH Graders



CCC Youth would like to thank you for donating your New or Nearly New sporting equipment to help The Sports Shed!!!! The Sports Shed is a non-profit organization whose goal is to put quality sports equipment in the hands of under-resourced kids. Your donations will be distributed to organizations who provide sports programs for kids in need.

Thank you also for your financial donations made toward the Mission Trip. Your generosity at the Easter Egg Hunt, Spagingo and during Stock Sale Sundays in May have made a HUGE difference in CCC Youth attending the Mission Trip.

Your support of our youth programs is very much appreciated.



Summer Schedule		
6/11	3-9pm	Feed My Starving Children
6/21	6-10pm	Bonfire
6/12	11:30am	Mission Trip Orientation Meeting
7/10-15		Mission Trip
7/24	5pm	Mission Trip Stockholders' Dinner

CCC MISSION TRIP

JULY 10-15, 2011

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

WE ARE JOINING GROUP'S WEEK OF HOPE

TWO SPACES HAVE OPENED UP - WANT TO COME?

PLEASE CONTACT PIP OR THE CHURCH OFFICE

MISSION TRIP THEME: CONNECT ~ Scripture: John 15:5

"Yes, I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."

We have so many connecting points in our lives: friends, family, classes, jobs, sports, hobbies, technology, and the list goes on. A week away at a Group mission trip will allow your group to experience some natural separation from all the things that keep us so busy in life, and at the same time create the personal space we all need to connect to the Savior, Jesus Christ.

Summer Sunday School... ...It's in the Bag!!

Summer Sunday School is in the Bag. Please consider spending a Sunday with our CCC children. It is fun and easy, all the lessons are ready for you to pick up in the Story Room in a dated bag, filled with every thing you need to teach a lesson. Video Sundays are a breeze, even the snacks will be provided. Contact Sue or Kendra if you have any questions. Sign-up is on the Christian Education Board in Friendship Hall.



*It has been a wonderful year for our Sunday School, thanks to the many people who helped teach the classes every Sunday.
Thank you so much!*

Sarah
Sue
Susan
Chris
Kevin
Ping
Sha
Amy
Juliann
Judy
Linda
Faith
Kendra
Charlie
Susan
Erin
Sarah
Kim
Danielle
Kristin
Borchueh
Jayne
Anna



CenterStage in Lake Forest Offers Discounted Group Ticket Opportunity for **Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**

- WHO:** CenterStage, your local community theatre celebrating 40 seasons
- WHAT:** Full scale production of the smash hit, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!"
- WHEN:** Evening performances July 22, 23, 28, 29, 30
July 24 matinee
- WHERE:** Gorton Community Center,
Baggett Auditorium,
400 East Illinois Rd., Lake Forest, IL
- WHY:** See a fantastic live performance of this sensational musical with local talent
- Ticket price for groups of 10 or more is \$15/ea (vs. \$25 at the door)
 - Consider charging more than \$15 to your patrons and use as a fundraiser for your organization
 - Reserved seating – lock in tickets in advance for what promises to be sold out performances
 - Provide your organization with a fun outing - attend with friends
 - No ticket fees



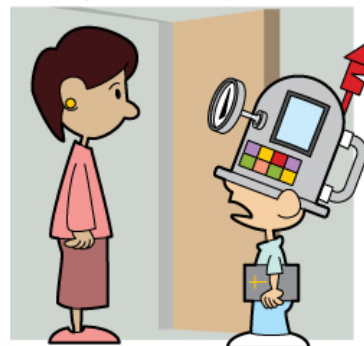
WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU/TIMETABLE:

- In order to set aside a block of theatre seats for your group we need a commitment from you to market this within your organization (we will work with you and provide marketing tools such as show posters, copy for newsletters or bulletins, etc.)
- Please provide CenterStage with a rough estimate regarding the number of seats you'd like set aside in a block, and select a performance date **by May 31** (tickets go on sale to the public June 5)
- Be in contact with CenterStage with regular updates during June and collect payment
- Final count and payment in full must be received by CenterStage the **week of July 4**
- Reserved seat tickets will be provided to you no later than **one week prior** to your specified performance for distribution to ticket buyers

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847-209-2916

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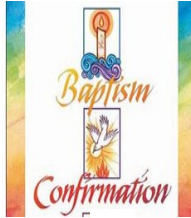
K.Spear

"I'm all ready for Sunday school.
I have my Bible and thinking cap."

Confirmation Sunday

Congratulations to Kallie, Ashley and Maddie for completing Confirmation/Discipleship Class.

A special service of Christian baptism was held at the Arlington Heights Christian Church followed by a special dinner back at CCC Friendship Hall. Please pass on a word of congratulations and thank you for encouraging them in their faith.



Letter from the General Board Chair

Greetings!

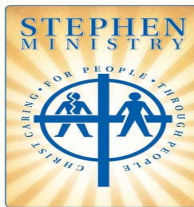
This is my "outgoing" note as the General Board Chair to our congregation. My time as the Chair has been filled this past year with many emotions, as our church has undergone many trials and tribulations. Through it all we have remained a strong and vibrant church which continues to keep its mission and vision to heart.

I have had the pleasure of working closely with members of this congregation and getting to know many as a result. I consider myself blessed to have been tasked with this position.

I envision many positive opportunities ahead for our church. My best wishes and prayers for our new church leaders in the coming year as they have so graciously extended of themselves to continue in the good work of our church.

Thank you all for being such a loving and caring church family!

Blessings,
Audrey



Vacations

Here comes that wonderful time of year when we break from our normal routine and go on vacation. A trip to the beach, Disney, the north woods or even grandma's house is a welcome change. The amount of time is often dictated by our jobs and our budgets, nevertheless it's always a welcome time of year.

Although WE may take some time off, we are blessed in the knowledge that our loving

Lord takes no time off in caring for each one of us. As Christians we have the security that we are cherished 24-7-365. If you are feeling separated from our Lord's endless love, you might benefit from time with a Stephen Minister. Please call Andrea or Char to make the arrangements.

JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 ■ 8a Men's Breakfast
5 ■ Pentacost Offering ■ Graduation Sunday ■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Congregational Meeting	6 ■ 10a Sermon in the Round	7 ■ 4p Soup Kitchen	8	9	10	11 ■ 8a Women's Coffee Break ■ 4:30p Feed My Starving Children
12 ■ Pentacost Offering ■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Mission Trip Orientation	13	14 Flag Day ■ 10a Sermon in the Round	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day ■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship	20	21 ■ 10a Sermon in the Round ■ 6p Bonfire	22	23	24	25
26 ■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship	27	28 ■ 10a Sermon in the Round	29	30		